GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Public Services – Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department – Allegations of misappropriation of huge amount and left the headquarters without prior permission against Sri R. Vittal, former Panchayat Secretary (EO), GP Kothapally of Adilbad District (now retired) – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Charge framed – Enquiry conducted – Enquiry report communicated - Show cause notice issued – Explanations received – Imposing a penalty of 4% cut in pension permanently under Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980 – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.III-A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 2081

Dated: 16.12.2013 Read the following;

- 1) Charge Memo.No.5614/CPR&RE/B2/08, Dt.30.06.2008 of the Commissioner, PR&RE, Hyderabad.
- 2) WSD of Sri R. Vittal, Pt. Secy. (E.O.) (now retired), Dt.13.10.2008.
- 3) Procg.No.5614/CPR&RE/B2/08, Dt.03.02.2009 of the Commissioner, PR&RE, Hyderabad.
- 4) Lr.No.P2/178/2010, Dt.26.02.2010 of the E.O. & CEO, ZPP Adilabad District.
- 5) Memo.No.5617/CPR&RE/B2/2008, Dt.19.10.2011 of the Commissioner, PR&RE, Hyderabad.
- 6) Repn. of Sri R. Vittal, Pt. Secy. (E.O.) (now retired), Dated:30.11.11.
- 7) From the CPR&RE, Hyd., Lr.No.1962/CPR&RE/B2/2009, Dt.06.06.2013.
- 8) Govt. Memo.No.17119/Vig.III-A/2013-5, Dated:10.09.13.
- 9) Explanation dt.26.09.2013 of Sri R. Vittal, Pt. Secy. (Retd.) Karimnagar District.
- 10) Govt. Lr.No.17119/Vig.III-A/2013-9, Dt.29.10.2013.
- 11) From the Secy., APPSC, Hyd., Lr.No.2051/RT/3/2013, Dated:21.11.2013.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, disciplinary proceedings were initiated against Sri R. Vittal, former Panchayat Secretary(EO), Gram Panchayat Kothapally of Adilbad District (now retired) by the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad duly framing the Article of Charges under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991, on the allegations of misappropriation of huge amount and left the headquarters without prior permission. He has submitted his written statement of defence (WSD) by denying the charges framed against him and requested to drop further action vide reference 2nd read above.

2. After considering the written statement of defence of the charged officer, the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad Adilabad District was appointed as Enquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against the Charged Officer and the District Panchayat Officer, Adilabad was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry Authority on behalf of the disciplinary authority, by the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad vide reference 3rd read above.

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- 3. In the reference 4th read above, after conducting regular enquiry the Enquiry Officer & Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Praja Parishad, Adilabad District has submitted his enquiry report stating that out of (5) charges Charge No. I, III & IV are may be dropped, inrespect of charge No. II is Proved and charge No. V is partially proved in the enquiry.
- 4. In the reference 5th read above, a copy of the enquiry report was communicated to the Charged Officer calling for his representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Authority as required under rule 21(2) of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991. Accordingly, he has submitted his representation and requested to drop the article of charges, as he had not committed any gross misconduct and violated Rule 3 of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 in the reference 6th cited.
- 5. In the reference 7th read above, the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad while forwarding original records in respect of Sri R. Vittal, former Panchayat Secretary (EO), Gram Panchayat, Kothapally of Adilabad District (now retired) has requested the Government to issue final orders in the matter, as the employee was retired from service on 30.06.2011 and Government are the competent authority under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.
- 6. Government, after careful examination of the matter keeping in view of the findings of the Inquiry Authority and representation of the Charged Officer thereon, have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 4% (four percent) cut in pension permanently against Sri R. Vittal, former Panchayat Secretary (E.O), Gram Panchayat Dharmapuri of Karimnagar District (now retired) under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, as the charges were held proved in the enquiry.
- 7. Accordingly in Government Memo reference 8th read above, a show-cause notice was issued to Sri R. Vittal, former Panchayat Secretary, GP Kothapally of Adilabad District now retired, calling for his explanation as to why a penalty of 4% (four percent) cut in pension shall not be imposed on him for the charges held proved in the enquiry under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and he submitted his explanation to the show cause notice dt.10.09.2013 and requested to exempt him form a penalty of 4% cut in pension permanently. After examining the explanation submitted by the Charged Officer, Government have decided to confirm the provisional decision of imposing the penalty of 4% cut in pension permanently.
- 8. In the reference 10th read above, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad was addressed for its concurrence to the above decision of the Government and the A.P. Public Service Commission has agreed to the proposal of the Government, to impose a penalty of 4% (four percent) cut in pension permanently against the CO Sri R. Vittal, former Panchayat Secretary, GP Kothapally of Adilabad District now retired vide reference 11th read above.
- 9. Government after careful examination of the matter and having the circumstance of the case, have hereby decided and impose a penalty of 4% (four percent) cut in pension permanently on the Charged Officer Sri R. Vittal, former Panchayat Secretary (E.O), GP Khanapur of Adilabad District (now retired) under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, as the charges were held proved in the enquiry.
- 10. The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad is requested to take necessary action accordingly.

11. The original records of the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad (file bearing No.5614/CPR/B2/08 containing C.F. Pages 1 to 181 and N.F. 1 to 16) received through reference 7th read above is returned herewith and the same shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V. NAGI REDDY PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PR)

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The individual through the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Employment, Hyderabad.

Copy to:-

The District Collector, Adilabad District.

The District Treasury Officer, Karimnagar.

The Accountant General, AP-Hyderabad.

The Secretary to A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.

The P.S. to the Hon'ble M(PR&RWS).

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SECTION OFFICER.